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THE ADMINISTRATION ON AGING AWARDS GRANTS AND LAUNCHES PUBLIC/PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP TO SUPPORT PREVENTION PROGRAMS FOR THE ELDERLY

The Administration on Aging (AoA), part of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), awarded grants totaling over \$2 million as part of a public/private partnership to increase access for older people to programs that have proven to be effective in reducing the risk of disease, injury, and disability. The partnership involves a variety of federal agencies and private foundations that are coordinating their efforts to help implement evidence-based prevention programs through aging services providers at the community level. The areas of focus include disease self-management, nutrition, physical activity, falls prevention, and medication management.

“As life expectancy increases, adults over 65 have more years to benefit from prevention programs,” HHS Secretary Tommy G. Thompson said. “Through this partnership, we will be helping senior centers, nutrition programs, and other community agencies make prevention a reality in the every day lives of older people,” he continued.

“Aging services providers are uniquely positioned to ensure that effective prevention program are available to older people, including the under-served elderly who often need such programs the most,” said Assistant Secretary for Aging Josefina G. Carbonell. “Prevention is a key component of our strategy for helping older people to remain healthy and independent.”

The initiative uses the results from research by HHS’ National Institute on Aging, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality to design and deliver prevention programs at the community level. Other partners involved in the initiative are The John A. Hartford Foundation, The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, The Horizon Foundation, and The National Council on the Aging.

A total of 9 grants are being awarded to the following local organizations: Philadelphia Corporation for the Aging, Philadelphia, PA; Senior Services of Albany, Albany, NY; North Central Area Agency on Aging, Hartford, CT; Southern Maine Area Agency on Aging, Scarborough, ME; Alamo Area Council of Governments, Antonio, TX; Little Havana Activity and Nutrition Center, Miami, FL; Partners in Care, Burbank, CA; Los Angeles, City Department on Aging, Los Angeles, CA, and; Neighborhood Centers, Harris County, TX. Each project

involves a local partnership of aging services providers, area agencies on aging, health care providers and a research organization.

In addition to the local projects, AoA is awarding a grant to The National Council on the Aging to establish a National Technical Assistance Center on Prevention for the Elderly to assist local organizations in developing evidence-based prevention activities. The John A. Hartford Foundation and The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation are also providing resources for work in this area.

“We are very proud to be partners with AoA in this effort to increase the capacity of the aging services network to provide high quality, evidence-based services to older Americans,” explains Corinne H. Rieder, Ed.D., Executive Director of The John A. Hartford Foundation. “AoA's investment in these local projects and the National Council on the Aging reinforces the Foundation's commitment to this effort.”

"This partnership can enhance the quality of life for older Americans," said Risa Lavizzo-Mourey, M.D., M.B.A., President and CEO of The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. "Americans are living longer than ever, and by bringing proven programs to organizations that serve older adults, we can improve health and help people get the most out of life."

The Horizon Foundation of Howard County, Maryland will be funding an additional local project as part of this national initiative. “The Horizon Foundation is excited about this opportunity to make Howard County a national model in support of older adults who want to age-in-place,” explains Richard Krieg, President and CEO of the Horizon Foundation. “We hope our investment in this partnership not only enhances the quality of life for older people in Howard County, but encourages other community foundations across our nation to play a leadership role in helping their communities to put research into practice for our older citizens.”

For more information on the Evidence-Based Prevention Program for the Elderly please visit the Administration on Aging web site at <http://www.aoa.gov>.

EVIDENCE-BASED PREVENTION PROGRAM

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SUBJECT AREA	GRANTEE / LOCAL PARTNERS	CITY/STATE	AWARD
Disease Self-Management	Philadelphia Corp. for the Aging. Partners: Center in the Park, Albert Einstein Healthcare Network, Jefferson College of Health Professions.	Philadelphia, PA	\$180,000
Disease Self-Management	Senior Services of Albany. Partners: Albany County Dept. for Aging, HealthNow, Univ. of Albany's School of Public Health, Northeast Health.	Albany, NY	\$125,000
Falls Prevention	North Central Area Agency on Aging. Partners: Hartford area senior centers Connecticut Hospital Association, University of Connecticut Health Center.	Hartford, CT	\$220,000
Falls Prevention	Southern Maine Area Agency on Aging. Partners: ME Partnership for Healthy Aging, ME State Housing Authority, Univ. of So. ME, ME Medical Center, City of Portland.	Scarborough, ME	\$125,000
Nutrition	Alamo Area Council of Governments. Partners: San Antonio Dept. of Community Initiatives, Texas Diabetes Institute, Our Lady of the Lake University, OASIS.	Antonio, TX	\$200,000
Nutrition	Little Havana Activity and Nutrition Center. Partners: Alliance for Aging, Miami-Dade County Public Health Department, National Alliance for Hispanic Health.	Miami, FL	\$200,000
Medication Management	Partners in Care. Partners: Senior Centers of the City of Los Angeles, Multi-Purpose Senior Services Program, University of Southern California School of Pharmacy, California State University Bakersfield.	Burbank, CA	\$200,000
Physical Activity	Los Angeles City Dept. on Aging. OASIS, Delta Sigma Theta Center for Life Development, Jewish Family Services, Tenet California Medical Center, St. Louis University Prevention Research Center.	Los Angeles, CA	\$125,000
Physical Activity	Neighborhood Centers. Partners: Harris County AAA, St. Joseph Hospital, University of Houston, Texas Southern University.	Harris County, TX	\$200,000
National Technical	National Council on the Aging. Partners:	Washington, DC	\$500,000

Assistance Center	Healthy Aging Research Network of CDC's Prevention Research Centers, UCLA's Geriatric Medicine and Gerontology Program, RWJF Aging Blueprint Office.		
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Addendum to Press Release

Projects Funded After the Original Press Release			
SUBJECT AREA	GRANTEE / LOCAL PARTNERS	CITY/STATE	AWARD
Disease Self-Management	Elders in Action. Partners: Multnomah County Aging and Disability Services (AAA), Oregon Research Institute, Providence Center on Aging	Portland, OR	\$125,000
Disease Self-Management	Sheltering Arms Senior Services. Partners: Baylor College of Medicine, Houston Center for Quality Care and Utilization Studies, Harris County Area Agency on Aging, Consumer Advisory Council of <i>Care for Elders</i>	Houston, TX	\$125,000
Disease Self-Management	Area Agency on Aging of Western Michigan. Partners: Grand Valley State University, four Community Aging Services Providers, Priority Health Managed Care Organization	Grand Rapids, MI	\$125,000

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